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Mr. Richard J. Schassburger
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RE: Comprehensive Risk Assessment (CRA)

Dear Mr. Hestmark and Mr. Schassburger,

As you will recall, the Division felt that it was inappropriate to proceed with the CRA until the OU-specific risk assessment methodology was agreed upon. We believed that the scope of the CRA, and the effort necessary to achieve the scope, would be potentially duplicative of the OU-specific risk assessment efforts.

Now that agreement on the risk assessment methodology to be used in the RFI/RIs for operable units has been reached, it is clear that the OU risk assessments will not be duplicative of the CRA effort. Therefore, to facilitate progress on the CRA, the Division recommends that the CRA development and scoping effort resume. We remain concerned about the projected costs of this effort. We will reserve judgement as to whether the cost/benefit of the CRA is worthwhile if scope reductions in other areas are necessary to fund the CRA effort.

It must also be understood by EPA and DOE that certain products of the CRA may not be useful to the Division for decision making in the cleanup process. We intend to continue to participate in the CRA development process to provide input and attempt to minimize these problems.

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If you have any questions regarding these matters, please call Joe Schieffelin of my staff at 692-3356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary W. Baughman". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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